

linguists on the apparatus was reconsidered.

Mr. Thorn of Paris moved that the fire extinguisher was recommended as a necessary adjunct to the fire departments and ordered to be carried at all times upon the apparatus of the fire companies of all cities of whatever population. A substitute to refer the matter to a special committee was carried. This special committee, appointed by the president, is as follows:

Dan McGowan, Don B. Adams, John B. Evans and Chas. Kahan. The name of A. L. Brown was subsequently added to the committee.

The following resolution was read and adopted unanimously by a rising vote:

Whereas, We, the undersigned, feel that compliment should be paid wherever the same is due, to the end that merit should receive her just reward, and whereas we had the pleasure of witnessing on yesterday the working and the display made by the chief of the Waco fire department and his brave and efficient boys, be it therefore

Resolved, By the State Fireman's association in convention assembled that the city of Waco is to be congratulated for having one of the best chiefs and most efficient fire departments that it has been our pleasure to meet.

CHAS. KAHAN,  
DON B. ADAMS.  
C. W. LITTLEPAGE.

At this point in the proceedings Mr. A. W. Neville came forward bearing a life size portrait of Miss Carrie Dickson, niece of Mr. Stewart Harrison and candidate of the state firemen of the state for the honor of christening the warship "Texas" to be launched at Norfolk, Va., and in the eloquent address presented it to the association. At the close of his address he raised the covering which concealed the picture from view, the identity of which had hitherto been a mystery, and said "Miss Carrie Dickson—God bless her."

The portrait is the work of Mrs. M. F. Gill, Texas' distinguished artist and is said to be a true likeness. When the presentation speech was concluded and the covering of the portrait raised the applause was loud and prolonged.

An invitation from the State Firemen's association of Virginia to the Texas Firemen's association to send a representative to the launching of the warship "Texas" was read and accepted and the election of a delegate ordered to take place later in the session.

A resolution requesting that Treasurer James L. Story, of Lockhart, be furnished with a wig by the association, said wig to be any color except red. The resolution, after a pleasant speech by Mr. Story, was promptly tabled.

The following resolution on the death of Hon. B. W. McCulloch was read, received and ordered spread upon the memorial page of the proceedings:

Whereas—It has pleased an Alwise Providence to remove by death from our midst since our last meeting Hon. B. W. McCulloch, general passenger and freight agent of the Texas and Pacific railroad, and

Whereas, During the fifteen years of his residence in the state of Texas as chief clerk in the passenger department of the International and Great Northern railroad the Missouri Pacific and the Texas and Pacific systems he always faithfully exhibited those noble traits of character which gave him the name so worthily worn, of noble, big hearted Ben McCulloch.

Whereas, during all these years he was the first to give us reduced rates to our meetings and zealously worked for the cause of volunteer firemen, and to him we are so liberally indebted for "free transportation each year over his lines which enables many an old fireman to attend our meetings that could not otherwise do so, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the volunteer firemen of the Lone Star State in convention assembled declare in his death the loss of a firm, true and tried friend, and ever ready to hear our appeals and extended every courtesy in his power.

Second, To his late associates with tender our sympathy and to perpetuate his memory and noble deeds in the hearts of all the firemen in the state, his name be inscribed on the memorial page of our minutes.

Third—To his aged parents in Sidney, Ohio, we send expressions of love and sympathy assuring them that the memory of their son will ever be cherished by us until we shall be called upon to answer to roll call on our Last Run on High beyond the dark River of death we may each

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grasp the hand of big hearted Ben McCulloch.

Fourth—That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this association composed of the Volunteer Firemen of the state and be furnished the Texas papers for publication, and also a copy be sent to the parents of Hon. B. W. McCulloch at Sidney, Ohio.

A communication requesting that Mr. C. W. Littlepage be re-embursed for money expended in legislative work for the association was read and upon motion referred to the finance committee.

At this point the president read a list of delegates who were fined \$1 each for being absent at roll call. Mr. S. Samuels of Marlin denied the charge of being absent, and addressing the president, said "I followed you behind"

A fine silver lantern bearing the inscription "presented to the most popular delegate to the State Firemen's Convention by the Ramsey Manufacturing Co." was held up to view by the president who stated that the ownership would be decided by a vote of the delegates.

President Levy asked to be excused for the reason that his wife would leave on the 12 o'clock train and he desired to see her off.

An invitation from the Artesian Bottling Works for the delegates to visit that institution was read and accepted with thanks.

The convention then adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

For the want of space THE NEWS will not be able to publish any of the proceedings of the afternoon session, but will do so tomorrow.

#### NOTES

The visiting firemen are lavish in their praise of the efficiency of our fire boys.

The contest between the various companies of the Waco department was grand, and enjoyed by thousands from all over the state as well as by a great number of local spectators who witnessed the exhibition with hearts swelling with pride and appreciation.

There is strong talk (in a quiet way) among our wheel club of building a bicycle track. Plans and specifications are earnestly discussed. If the boys do build a track it will be a model—regulation size, ampatheatre, bath rooms, training rooms and everything in keeping with a first-class track. A lawn tennis court will occupy the center. If at College Heights what a delightful place to spend an afternoon.

## LAST DAYS WORK.

Awarding of Prizes on Papers.  
Election of New Members.

MR. J. MYERS CONNORS PAPER ON

College Instruction—Invitations Accepted—News Items and Notes of General Interest.

#### THIS MORNING'S SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Connor, Prof. Whelkey delegate from the Missouri Pharmacy association was elected an active member of the association but was exempted from paying initiation fees and dues.

Mr. McQueen, of Dublin, was elected to membership by acclamation.

Prof. Whelkey made an address on the benefits of membership in the American Pharmacy association and after explaining its objects received ten applications for membership.

The chairman appointed Messrs. Fetterman, Griner, Chase as a committee on notes and queries.

Prof. Whelkey's offer on behalf of Meyers Bros. Druggist, of St. Louis to furnish the association with a cut of President Burghelm for publication in the minutes was accepted with thanks and applause.

The charter of the Texas College of Pharmacy which is to be established at Dallas was read by Mr. Connor who asked that the association endorse the undertaking and give it its moral support.

On motion of Mr. Zethraeus a committee of three was instructed to report on the matter.

The secretary read the report of the committee on finance which was adopted.

The committee on the Texas college of Pharmacy made its report which was favorable.

Dr. Taylor made a motion which was carried that the Texas Pharmaceutical association endorse the Texas college of Pharmacy.

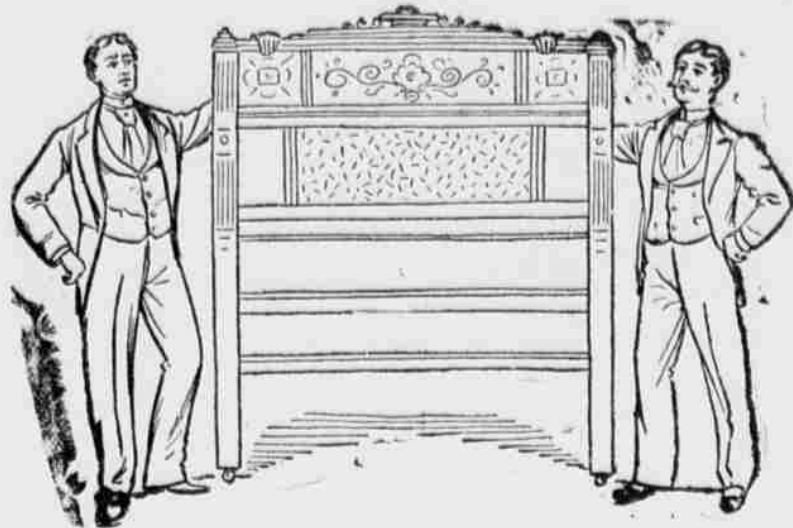
Henry Barber of this city was elected to membership.

The committee on notes and queries made its report and their twelve queries were accepted to be answered at the next meeting.

The invitation of Mr. Blackshear that the association visit his residence this evening was accepted with thanks.

The committee on prizes made its report. The awards were L. Meyers Connor, a torsion balance, awarded by

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"Best method of preserving roots and herbs in Southern climate" awarded to William R. Neville of Houston, prize of \$25 given by Dr. T. M. Fetterman of Dallas.

A microscope was given by Mr. Kalltayer of San Antonio, for best paper on "Most Successful Method of Conducting a Retail Pharmacy," awarded to G. W. Heyer of Houston.

The following is Mr. Connors' paper on college instruction, which was highly praised by all present:

#### COLLEGE INSTRUCTION.

Not having had the honor or distinction of a professorship in pharmacy, yet consider it my privilege to discuss the manner of college instruction, so far as it relates to pharmacy; as my labors have been continuous, covering a period of twenty years in pharmaceutical practice, and having received the degree of Ph. D., in common with my colleagues, and, further having a thorough knowledge of the process of instruction generally carried out by American institutions.

And that we are on the eve of organizing a college for the purpose of teaching these branches, which fit men for that responsible position of retailing and preparing medicine; let us not become oblivious to the fact that the purpose is practical pharmacy, and that it is not the purpose of such institutions to manufacture botanists, analytical chemists or microscopists, but simply to give the student an elementary or primary training in such branches in order, should he choose to make such profession a calling in life, he would be better prepared for prosecution, together with such limited knowledge as may be expected of him by the people at large.

It must be admitted that the practice of pharmacy is almost, if not wholly, a mechanical business, and that chemistry, at the present day, with the large and various manufactures of products, plays little or no part in the business of the retail druggist, and for just such a business are these various institutions of pharmacy designed, and that too much time is allotted to the student for instruction in this branch, in view of the benefits he expects to derive from it in pursuing the business of a dispenser. And much more could be said of botany and Microscopy, two sciences of which a limited knowledge only is essential, unless for personal satisfaction, or for the other purposes hereafter stated.

It is certainly apparent to any one that the short time two sessions for perfection in all these branches is inadequate, and to extend the time to three terms is almost as fatal an error, from a business standpoint, and from such it may be viewed; because the profits of our business daily decrease, and today the educated drug clerk is not receiving any more pay for his services than the grocery or dry goods salesman. And this, aside from long tedious hours and circumspect watch over his business. To make a success of anything means nothing more or less than to make a financial success, and further the trade is not demanding this high grade of education; but it is the druggist who is continually harping for more oppressive laws, and more complete courses of instruction, and all for the same pitiful compensation.

Now gentlemen, if any one desires to become a chemist or a botanist, or a microscopist, let him take a special course to that end, but not burden

the student, whose only desire is to become a practical pharmacist, with months of time and toil to the great detraction from the branch he has specially seen fit to master and one in which he intends to pursue for his maintenance.

This revelation of ideas is in contrast with what I had formerly entertained, but when I look back over a space of twenty years and see what little use my instruction in the sciences has or will serve me, directly, in the daily doings of pharmacy, has convinced me that a change in college instruction must inevitably take place in no far distant day.

Now that I have severely criticised the present mode of instruction, it necessarily follows that I should offer a substitute, at least to my mind, a superior program of Pharmaceutical education; and the following will briefly, yet in a measure accurately define my position of a complete curriculum for a college of Pharmacy.

I would begin by having four chairs, that of Pharmacy, Chemistry, Botany and Microscopy, the three last named branches to be taught only in a primary way, and the balance of the course to be devoted to Theoretical Pharmacy and Metriatic Medica and strict Pharmaceutical training in a well equipped laboratory. And having attached to the college a complete retail store under the direction of the college where students would be required at proper intervals to work, and thereby obtain a knowledge of the various sundries and toilet articles; the best manner in which to display and how such stock should be kept, for it is well known that just such material makes up the major portion of our business.

So let it be that when a graduate has finished his course, that he will be fully capable of taking hold of the helm and competently discharge all duties incumbent upon him as a practical pharmacist.

There must be some check on such high graded demands in branches wholly devoid of financial interest; or some plan provided to increase the revenue of the pharmacist.

These two problems are inseparable and is not solved, then reform and modification of Pharmaceutical culture must begin at once.

I do not wish to be understood as being opposed to perfect training, and ask you to disabuse your minds of such, if that impression prevails, but the cultivation I suggest is strict Pharmacy with only the elements of collateral branches.

How many good, practical and trustworthy pharmacists would undertake a Quantitative Analysis? It so how many opportunities in life are presented? I will answer very few.

Now the question that should be asked in matters of paramount importance, is, Does it pay? And if it does not pay then it is a superfluity.

The practicing Pharmacist must look forward to his business interest, and his trade interest demand his closest attention, to matters directly bearing upon success; devoid of these intricate researches that divide his time, and from which no fruit is the result of his labor.

The department stores of today are sapping the life blood as a vampire from the Pharmacist, by the cut prices of goods belonging legitimately to our trade.

The question arises, how shall we

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